

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lighting apparatus of a television, comprising:
 - one or more lamps installed to be concealed close to the screen of the television;
 - a ballast for stably supplying power to the lamps;
 - a power supply unit for supplying power necessary for both the ballast and the entire lighting apparatus;
 - an ON/OFF switch unit for turning on/off the lamps;
 - 10 a control unit provided with programs for controlling the lighting apparatus and used to operate the ON/OFF switch unit;
 - a television state detecting unit for detecting ON/OFF operating states of the television; and
 - 15 a remote control sensor unit for receiving ON/OFF operating commands for turning on/off the lamps.
2. The lighting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a bright detecting unit for detecting variation of external illuminance using a sensor, and outputting an electrical signal corresponding to the variation thereof.
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3. The lighting apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a communication interface unit for receiving signals to turn on/off the lighting apparatus from outside a home, and performing a data communication function through the Internet or a data communication function through a telephone line.